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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/904,623 filed on July 13, 2001,
which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/421,062,
filed October 19, 1999, which is a divisional of Application No.
10/393,663, filed March 21, 2003, the entire contents of which
are hereby incorporated by reference,
by

Jeffrey GULLICKSEN; William S. KISH; and Theodore TEDIJANTO

for

VIRTUAL LINE SWITCHED RING (VLSR) CONNECTION STATE DISTRIBUTION
SCHEME

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

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2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00
		TOTAL	\$770.00
			\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Enclosed is/are thirteen (13) sheets of formal drawings and/or photographs.

6a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

6b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.

7. The prior application is assigned to CIENA Corporation.

8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

9a. Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.

10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. Address all future communications to:

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12. An extension of time for _____ month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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